

LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK MONTHLY PROGRAMS

PARK HOURS:

Open 24 hours - 365 days a year

NATURE CENTER HOURS:

Closed for remodeling.

ADMIN. OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

PARK FEES:

Day-use vehicle entry fee: \$6
Per motorized watercraft: \$4
Per non-motorized watercraft: \$2
Developed campsites: \$30 per night
Semi-developed campsites: \$25 per night
Shoreline camping: \$12 per night

ONLINE RESERVATIONS:

<http://www.maricopacountyparks.org/>

WEBSITE:

http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/lake_pleasant/

DIRECTIONS:

From central Phoenix, take I-17 north to Carefree Highway (SR 74). Exit Carefree Hwy. and travel west 15 miles to Castle Hot Spring Road at mile post 19. Travel north to Lake Pleasant Regional Park entrance.



Maricopa County

Parks and Recreation Dept.
Lake Pleasant Regional Park
41835 N. Castle Hot Springs Rd.
Morristown, AZ 85342
Entry Station: 1 (928) 501-1710
Fax: (602) 372-7465
lakepleasant@mail.maricopa.gov



You're never too young for a visit to Lake Pleasant Regional Park!

JULY

FEATURED PROGRAMS

Friday Family Fun Fishing – Follow in park program signs

Date: 7/3/2015 **Time:** 7 a.m.

Description: Bring the whole family and come try some fishing. This fishing clinic supplies all equipment and some bait. People who sign in for the fishing program and fish in the designated clinic area do not need fishing license while they are with the Ranger within the clinic times. Once inside the park follow the "Family Fun Fishing" signs to the fishing area. Bring shade tents, chairs, water, snacks and bait of your choice.

Core: Outdoor Skills

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Exploring with the Ranger Hike – Meets in the East parking area near the 10-lane boat launch

Date: 7/17/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: Want to go on a fun, super cool hike? Well, come join the ranger on this fun hike and see some pretty cool stuff and stay cool, too! We may also get to see some wildlife along the way. This hike is great for the whole family, and we will be hiking by a creek, so we might splash some water on us at the creek crossings to keep cool, and that's cool! Please keep in mind it is 3 miles, and will take at least two hours. At least one mile of this hike is in the shade. The hike is considered moderate due to an uphill walk at the end. For questions call the ranger.

Core: Animals

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Hike and Splash

(Follow in-park program signs)

Date: 7/25/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: Come ready to get wet and wild! Please bring water, sunscreen, a snack, and wear water shoes that will stay on your feet (no flip flops). Old sneakers that you do not mind getting wet and muddy are OK, too. This program is a fun family hike and swim, which is very well attended in the summer months. Here is what to expect: we first fit everyone for a life vest (loaner PFDs are available at the trailhead or you may bring your own). Then, we hike down to the water, put on our life vest, and enjoy a hike in the water to cool us down. Once we are all wet and happy, we will hike back up to the parking lot and be dry by the time we get there. The hike is about 1/2 mile each way and the program lasts about two hours.

Core: Aquatics

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WHAT TO BRING:

Please wear sturdy shoes (closed-toe), dress appropriately for the weather and bring more water than you think you will need. See descriptions for specifics. Notes: Fees for guided hikes and programs are included in the park entry fee of \$6 per vehicle or with your annual pass. Reservations are not required unless specified in the program description. Hikes/programs are canceled if heavy inclement weather is imminent. If possible, canceled hikes will be posted on the website –

www.maricopa.gov/parks

LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY PROGRAMS

Early Bird Spectacular Sun Rise and Full Moon Set – Meets near 10-lane boat launch, look for “hike” signs

Date: 7/2/2015 **Time:** 5:30 a.m.
Description: Calling any early birds out there, this hike is for you! We will start early, real early at 5:30AM, yes, you see that correctly, 5:30AM, to catch both the full moon set and the sunrise. We will be hiking on the Beardsley Trail to the west and making a loop along the shoreline. This scenic hike is a moderate 4 miles, and will take about 2 hours. Bring water, a snack, and maybe a cup of coffee! At this time of the morning it will be spectacular, and you can always go back to bed afterward.
Core: Health & Fitness

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Fourth of July Get Wet with Hike and Splash – Meets at South Pipeline Canyon Trailhead

Date: 7/4/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.
Description: Come join the Ranger in clothes that you can get wet. Wear closed-toe water shoes or old sneakers that can get wet. Bring some water and have a great time. We will be hiking a short 1/2 mile trail through the Pipeline Canyon and then getting wet on a float hike. We will then return on the 1/2 mile hike to the parking area. Bring your PFD (life vest), there will also be life vest available at the trailhead for loan. Parents must over see children. This is sure to be a hike you and your family will remember as FUN!
Core: Aquatics

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Looking for Wild Burros on the Wild Burro Trail – Meets at the Day Use Area on Desert Tortoise Road

Date: 7/9/2015 **Time:** 8 a.m.
Description: Let's see if we can spot wild burros on this hike along the shoreline of Lake Pleasant. From this trail, we will see the lake and nice views of the park. We will meet at the Wild Burro Day-Use Area on Desert Tortoise Road (follow the in-park “hike” signs). We will be hiking on part of the Wild Burro Trail and be covering about 2 miles round trip. Wear good hiking shoes, bring water, a snack, and sun protection. There are bathrooms and water at the start of this hike. The ranger will see you at the trailhead and let's find some burros!
Core: Animals

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Pleasant Paddlers Program - Goose Cove and Coles Cove Paddle

Date: 7/16/2015 **Time:** 7 a.m.
Description: We will be paddling to and around Coles Bay looking for wild burros and other wildlife. This paddle is for those who are more hardy and experienced paddlers, because the distance is around 10

miles total, ***NO NEW PADDLERS***. You must have your own paddle craft and gear. You must wear your life vest when on the water. Bring plenty of water and snacks, we will be stopping one or two times for breaks. Dress for the temperature and also take extra dry clothes in your dry bag. The paddle route may be changed if wind conditions are not ideal for safe passage. We will meet on the shoreline just north of the 4-lane boat ramp.
Core: Aquatics

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Know and Go Scorpion Hunting!

Date: 7/18/2015 **Time:** 8 p.m.
Description: This is a fun activity for the family. Wear close-toed shoes, bring your water, flashlight and if you have it a blacklight flashlight. You may also borrow a blacklight flashlight from the Ranger (depending on availability). Don't worry mom, it is a “no touch” hunt, and we stay on the trail. Come learn about scorpions and get a close look at these creepy critters. Hunt ends by 9:30pm. Once inside the park, just follow the “Scorpion Hunt” signs!
Core: Animals

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Sunrise Scenic Hike Overlooking Lake Pleasant

Date: 7/23/2015 **Time:** 6 a.m.
Description: We will be hiking on one of the most scenic trails in the whole park! From this trail we will see the entire lake and fantastic views of the park as the sunrises! This is a moderate trail with a few steep places. Please be in somewhat of good hiking shape for attending this hike. We will meet at the trailhead near the restrooms at Cottonwood Day Use Area. We will be hiking the Yavapai Point Trail which is a moderate 3 mile round trip. Wear good hiking shoes, bring water, and a snack. Once close to the park follow the “Hike” signs. The ranger will see you at the trailhead for a scenic adventure!
Core: Health & Fitness

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Friday Family Fun Fishing Clinic (Follow in-park program signs)

Date: 7/24/2015 **Time:** 7 a.m.
Description: Bring the whole family and come try some fishing. This Arizona Game & Fish partnership fishing clinic supplies all equipment and some bait. People who sign in for the fishing program and fish in the designated clinic area do not need fishing license while they are with the Ranger within the clinic times. Once inside the park follow the “Family Fun Fishing” signs to the fishing area. Bring shade tents, chairs, water, snacks and bait of your choice.
Core: Outdoor Skills

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Sunset and Full Blue Moon Thursday Hike – Follow “Hike” signs to hike

Date: 7/30/2015 **Time:** 7 p.m.
Description: We will be hiking on one of the most scenic trails in the whole park! From this trail we will see the entire lake and fantastic views of the park by moonlight! This is a moderate trail with a few steep places. Please be in somewhat of good hiking shape for attending this hike. We will meet at the trailhead near the restrooms at Cottonwood Day Use Area. We will be hiking the Yavapai Point Trail which is a moderate 3 mile round trip. Wear good hiking shoes, bring water, a snack, and a flashlight in case the clouds cover the moon. Once close to the park follow the “Hike” signs. The ranger will see you at the trailhead for a scenic adventure!
Core: Health & Fitness

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STAFF:

Park Supervisor: David Jordan
Interpretive Ranger: Terry Gerber
Admin Staff: Chris Simpson, David Chatfield, Cheryl Kidd, Laura Jo Boyd, and Jessica Scalzitti
Park Maintenance: Larry Beil, Jim Apthorp, Thomas Rychtik, Grady Vanpopering and Alma Izaguirre
Nav Aid Techs.: Kyle Randall and Charlie Sizer

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MESSAGE FROM THE PARK SUPERVISOR:

During the month of July, it is very important to remember: hydration, hydration, hydration... and of course, sun protection. It is essential to drink plenty of water and electrolytes the day before leading up to your hike, as well as bringing at least one bottle of water for every 20-30 minutes you plan on being out in the elements. Dress appropriately in light colored, UV protection or cotton clothing (preferably long-sleeve for added skin protection), wear a hat, and sunglasses. When applying sunscreen, follow the recommendations listed on the bottle. To help ensure a safe, enjoyable experience and to protect the integrity, beauty and resources of Lake Pleasant, please observe the wildlife, plants and other resources/features from a respectable distance by staying on designated trails and roadways at all times. Happy trails to you and yours! And thank you for your continued support!

David Jordan

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